

AMENDMENTS

In the claims:

1. (Currently amended) A catalyst system ~~suitable~~ for use in the rearrangement of epoxides to allylic alcohols, comprising:
 - a) at least one primary catalyst comprising at least one ~~homogeneous or heterogeneous, inorganic, organic or complex metal-containing compound~~ metal oxide, metal carbonate, metal carboxylate, metal acetylacetonate, calcium hydroxide, magnesium hydroxide, or barium hydroxide; and
 - b) at least one activator/modifier comprising at least one phenolic compound, wherein the activator/modifier is present in an amount effective to improve the activity and/or selectivity of the primary catalyst in the rearrangement of an epoxide to an allylic alcohol as compared to the use of the primary catalyst without the activator/modifier.
2. (Cancelled).
3. (Currently amended) The catalyst system according to claim 21, wherein the at least one phenolic compound comprises ~~is selected from among~~ a phenol, a mono- or polysubstituted alkylphenols, a nitrophenols, an aminophenols, an hydroxyphenols, an alkoxyphenols, an hydroxyacetophenones, a salicylic acids or and a derivatives thereof of salicylic acid.
4. (Cancelled).
- 5.-29. (Cancelled).

30. (Newly presented) The catalyst system of Claim 1, wherein the at least one primary catalyst comprises a metal carboxylate.
31. (Newly presented) The catalyst system of Claim 1, wherein the at least one activator/modifier comprises an aminophenol.
32. (Newly presented) The catalyst system of Claim 1, wherein the at least one primary catalyst comprises magnesium hydroxide and the at least one activator/modifier comprises carvacrol.
33. (Newly presented) The catalyst system of Claim 1, wherein the at least one primary catalyst comprises calcium hydroxide and the at least one activator/modifier comprises carvacrol.
34. (Newly presented) The catalyst system of Claim 1, wherein the at least one primary catalyst comprises calcium hydroxide and the at least one activator/modifier comprises thymol.
35. (Newly presented) The catalyst system of Claim 1, wherein the at least one primary catalyst comprises calcium hydroxide and the at least one activator/modifier comprises 2-hydroxyacetophenone.
36. (Newly presented) The catalyst system of Claim 1, wherein the at least one primary catalyst comprises calcium oxide and the at least one activator/modifier comprises isoamyl salicylate.

37. (Newly presented) The catalyst system of Claim 1, wherein the at least one primary catalyst comprises calcium oxide and the at least one activator/modifier comprises benzyl salicylate.
38. (Newly presented) The catalyst system of Claim 1, wherein the at least one primary catalyst comprises calcium oxide and the at least one activator/modifier comprises isopropyl salicylate.
39. (Newly presented) The catalyst system of Claim 1, wherein the at least one primary catalyst comprises zinc carbonate and the at least one activator/modifier comprises carvacrol.
40. (Newly presented) The catalyst system of Claim 1, wherein the at least one primary catalyst comprises zinc carbonate and the at least one activator/modifier comprises 2-aminophenol.
41. (Newly presented) The catalyst system of Claim 1, wherein the at least one primary catalyst comprises zinc carbonate and the at least one activator/modifier comprises 2-nitrophenol.
42. (Newly presented) The catalyst system of Claim 1, wherein the at least one primary catalyst comprises zinc octoate and the at least one activator/modifier comprises 2-nitrophenol.
43. (Newly presented) The catalyst system of Claim 1, wherein the at least one primary catalyst comprises zinc octoate and the at least one activator/modifier comprises 2-aminophenol.

44. (Newly presented) The catalyst system of Claim 1, wherein the at least one primary catalyst is zinc octoate and the at least one activator/modifier is 2-aminophenol.
45. (Newly presented) The catalyst system of Claim 1, wherein the at least one primary catalyst comprises zinc acetylacetonate and the at least one activator/modifier comprises 2-nitrophenol.
46. (Newly presented) The catalyst system of Claim 1, wherein the at least one primary catalyst is present in an amount in the range of from 0.05 weight percent to 10 weight percent relative to an epoxide and the at least one activator/modifier is present in an amount in the range of from 0.025 weight percent to 10 weight percent relative to the epoxide.
47. (Newly presented) The catalyst system of Claim 3, wherein the salicylic acid derivative is an ester or an amide.